

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1.           A method, comprising:  
  
receiving a recording request for media information from a first media system;  
  
selecting a source of the media information;  
  
selecting a storage destination for the media information; and  
  
scheduling recording of the media information from the source to the storage destination.
2.           The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
providing resource information to the first media system.
3.           The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the source and the storage destination is in a second media system remote from the first media system.
4.           The method of claim 1, wherein both of the source and the storage destination are in a second media system remote from the first media system.
5.           The method of claim 1, wherein the source of the media information is in a second media system remote from the first media system, and  
  
wherein the storage destination of the media information is in a third media system remote from the first media system and the second media system.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

acknowledging the recording request for media information to the first media system.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the scheduling includes:

scheduling recording of the media information from the source to the storage destination via a communication link in a network.

8. A method, comprising:

receiving a play request for stored media information from a requesting media system;  
determining a source media system containing the stored media information; and  
instructing the source media system to send the stored media information to the requesting media system.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

providing content information to the requesting media system.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the determining includes:

finding the source media system of the stored media information by a look-up table.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein the determining includes:

polling functionally connected media systems for the source media system of the stored media information.

12. The method of claim 8, wherein the instructing includes:  
specifying an address of the requesting media system or a path between the source media system and the requesting media system.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the path between the source media system and the requesting media system includes two or more communication links.

14. An article of manufacture, comprising: cy  
a storage medium having instructions stored thereon that, when executed by a computing platform, may result in recording or playback of media information by a remote media system that is remote from a requesting media system by:  
receiving a playing request or a recording request for the media information from the requesting media system;  
facilitating recording of the media information to the remote media system if the recording request is received; and  
instructing the remote media system to send the media information to the requesting media system if the playing request is received.

15. The article of manufacture of claim 14, wherein the instructions, when executed, result in the facilitating recording of the media information by:  
selecting a source of the media information, and  
selecting the remote media system as a storage destination for the media information.

16. The article of manufacture of claim 14, wherein the instructions, when executed, result in the instructing the remote media system to send the media information by:  
determining that the remote media system currently stores the media information.

17. The article of manufacture of claim 14, wherein the instructions, when executed, result in the receiving a playing request or a recording request by:  
providing resource information or content information to the requesting media system.

18. A network, comprising:  
a first media system, including:  
a tuner arranged to separate media information from a media stream,  
a storage device, and  
a network interface arranged to be connected to a communication link; and  
a second media system, including:  
a network interface arranged to be connected to the communication link;  
and  
a processor to request that media information from the tuner of the first media system be sent to the storage device of the first media system or to the network interface of the first media system.

19. The network of claim 18, wherein the network interface of the second media system is arranged to receive the media information, and  
wherein the processor is arranged to cause the media information to be played.

20. The network of claim 18, wherein the processor is arranged to request that media information from the tuner of the first media system be sent to a storage device in a third media system via the network interface in the first media system.